

ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

Minutes of Council Meeting held at the Royal Observatory on Monday 21st May 1962 at 8.00 p.m.

Apologies for absence had been received from Messrs. Russo, Smits, Krumm, Raphaely, and from Dr. Cousins.

Present: Dr. Stoy (in the Chair), Dr. Evans, Dr. Fuhr, Messrs. Meadows, Bondiotti, Churms, Orpen and the Hon. Secretary.

The Minutes of Council Meeting held on the 5th March 1962 were read and after amendment, confirmed.

Arising out of the Minutes, Dr. Evans and the Hon. Secretary were elected to draft a Circular and voting form for the proposed amendments to the Constitution, in time for the next issue of the Monthly Notes.

Essay Competition: Dr. Fuhr reported that nine copies of the circular giving details of the competition had been circulated by him to Peninsula schools.

Finance: The Financial Statement, presented and read by Mr. Orpen, was as follows:

Financial Statement Presented 21st May 1962

Expenditure	R. c.	Receipts	R. c.
Subscription to "Sky and Telescope" for period April 1961 to March 1962	739 58	Credit Balance at 1/7/1961	46 13
Cost of production of MNASSA July 1961 to April 1962, and of Handbook	444 09	<u>Subscriptions</u>	
Postage on and wrapping and despatch of MNASSA, Handbook and "Sky and Telescope", July 1961 to April 1962	122 80	Arrears	29 75
Stationery	12 70	Current	1287 20
Postage, other than above	16 82	Advance	57 20
Essay Competition Prizes	12 00	Entrance Fees	70 25
Addressograph Plates	3 76	Sale of back and extra numbers of "Sky and Telescope"	2 10
Purchase of Duplicator	264 00	Sale of MNASSA	87 90
Fire Insurance Premium on Society's Property at the Royal Observatory	1 05	Sale of Handbooks	3 05
Bank Charges	12 94	Sale of Booklets by Mr. Donald McIntyre	0 85
Credit Balance at 21/5/1962	181 73	Sale of copies of "A Universal Sundial"	1 20
		Donations	3 64
		Interest on Building Society Shares	11 75
		Interest on Fixed Deposit	8 00
		Withdrawal of Fixed Deposit	200 00
		Commission on Cheques	2 45
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Garrett Orpen,
Hon. Treasurer.

The statement was adopted. It was resolved not to increase subscriptions at present, but if possible to increase sales of the Monthly Notes.

The following whose names have appeared in the Monthly Notes were elected as Members:

Mr. P. F. Visser, P.O. Box 808, Klerksdorp.

Prince Edward School Astronomy Club, P.O. Box 8076, Causeway, Salisbury,
Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. R. Citron, P.O. Box 73, Orange Grove, Johannesburg.

Mr. P. R. McSharry, P.O. Box 154, Beaufort West.

Mr. C. B. Anderson, P.O. Box 1156, Johannesburg.

The election as an Associate was confirmed of:

Mr. S. J. Vercueil, 72 Collins Street, Brixton, Johannesburg.

The following were elected as Members subject to their names appearing in the Monthly Notes and no objection being received within one month:

Mr. P. Pannall, "Resdoc", Esselen Street, Hillbrow, Johannesburg.

Mrs. J. W. Grey, Leeuwfontein, P.O. Niemeer, Potchefstroom, Transvaal.

Mr. A. Fairall, P.O. Box 8415, Causeway, Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. N. B. Dumas, c/o F. C. Prinsloo, 15 Joubert Street, Queenstown.

A letter received from Dr. Pelletier was read by Dr. Stoy. Dr. Pelletier resigned from the Directorship of the Nova Search Section, and recommended the Reverend L. L. Dawson of 75 5th Avenue, Mayfair, Johannesburg as his successor. The Hon. Secretary was asked to convey the thanks and appreciation of Council to Dr. Pelletier for his work as Director of the Nova Search Section, and to ask the Rev. Dawson whether he would be willing to act as Director.

Dr. Evans moved, and the meeting agreed that Dr. Thackeray be asked to attend the second conference on publications of research results to be held at Pretoria on June 21 and 22, 1962, as an observer for the Society.

A circular on British Council Scholarships received from the British Embassy, 6 Hill Street, Pretoria, was read to the meeting. It was decided to print the contents of the circular in MNASSA.

It was decided to send MNASSA to the Bulletin Geodetique, Paris, on an exchange basis. The circular received was to be taken to the Trigonometrical Survey, Mowbray by Mr. Meadows, for their information, the circular to be returned to the Hon. Secretary in due course.

Dr. Stoy informed members of a lecture by Professor D. H. Menzel of Harvard College Observatory on "Space Observatories" in the New Science Lecture Theatre at the University of Cape Town on Tuesday evening, 29th May.

The next Council meeting would be held on Monday 18th June 1962.

The meeting ended at 10.20 p.m.

A. Menzies,
Hon. Secretary.

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